(c) i f so, when the decision was implemented; and

(d) w hat is the total amount deposited in the said fund in the preliminary stage toget her with the sources from where the same has been mobilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPI K SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) An idea of cretion of a Food Proces ing Development Fund was mooted by the Department of Food Processing I ndustries with a view to facilitate credit to food processing sector in a fo cussed manner. The creation of the Fund envisages financial issues of ver y complex nature,necessitating discussions with financial institutions, Ba nks, etc. The discussions are underway to consider all aspects of this issue.

Control and Licensing of Milk Industry

4879. SH. RI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that after milk and milk products which are under Open General Lic ence now, the control and licensing of milk industry is redundant;

(b) if so, whe ther Gover nment are seriously considering abolition of MMPO under the new circums tances;

(c) if so, when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether the new policy of free import of milk and milk products will hit the domestic industry an d if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There seems to be no linkage between milk and milk products un der Open General License and licensing of milk industries.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Milk anc l Milk Product Order, MMPO envisages registration of dairy plants with m ore than 10,000 litres per day capacity.

(d) The decision of bringing milk and milk products from restricted list to free list has been necessitat ed in view of the commitments of the Government of India to the World T rade Organisation for phasing out items from restricted list to free list. The new policy is not likely to affect the domestic industry.